

# Six Mile Run Reformed Church

## Order of Worship

May 11, 2025, Fourth Sunday after Easter

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### God Calls Us to Worship

#### Stilling Silence and Prayer of Adoration

#### \*Call to Worship

If the Lord is your shepherd, you shall never be in want.

**He makes us lie down in green pastures;**

**He leads us beside still waters; He restores the soul.**

The Lord's Spirit calls you and leads you.

**We will walk in right paths for His name's sake.**

Even if you walk through the darkest valley, God will be with you.

**We will be comforted and fear no evil, for our Shepherd protects.**

Though the world tries to tear you down, God will anoint you and give you abundance.

**Our cup overflows! Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives, and we shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever! Alleluia! Praise the Lord!**

#### \*Opening Hymn: *"Sing to the King"*

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#### Call to Remember and Confess

#### Corporate Prayer of Confession:

Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might belong to You, O Lord our God, forever and ever! Yet, do any of these tributes You are due actually describe how we live? How often do we not live for Your glory, but for our own? How often do we not give You thanks for the blessings in our lives but take them for granted? How often do we treat Your power and might as unreal, looking instead to the powers of this world for our protection? Furthermore, *salvation* belongs to You, O God, the One seated on the throne, and to the Lamb that was slain! You have saved the incalculable multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, washing them clean in the blood of the Lamb. Yet, do we truly consider others different than ourselves as our equals in Christ? How often does the racist suspicion, the gendered trope, or the nationalist sentiment sneak in and belittle them before our eyes? Forgive us, God, as we know You already have in Christ. Renew our hearts and let us fall down and worship before Your glory and the scandal of Your grace for all. Amen.

#### Personal Silent Confession

#### Words of Reassurance

Gloria: *"Celtic Alleluia"*

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*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

#### \*Passing of The Peace

*May the God of hope go with us every day,  
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.  
May the God of justice speed us on your way,  
bringing light and hope to every land and race..*

### **God Speaks to Us**

Let us prepare for the Word of God as it comes to us in the reading of the Holy Scriptures.

**Speak Lord, for Your servants are listening.**

### **Reading: Acts 9:36-43 (NRSVUE)**

**36** Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. **37** At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. **38** Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, “Please come to us without delay.” **39** So Peter got up and went with them, and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them.

**40** Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, “Tabitha, get up.” Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. **41** He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. **42** This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. **43** Meanwhile, he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

**\*Coral Response After Sermon:** *“A Prayer for Mothers”*

### **God Sends Us Out**

**Call to Self-Offering:** Giving of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

**\*Doxology:** *“From All That Dwell Below the Skies”*

From all that dwell below the skies let the Creator’s praise arise. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Let the Redeemer’s name be sung through every land, in every tongue. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

### **\*Prayer of Dedication**

### **Prayers of the People**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily  
bread. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And  
lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the  
kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**\*Closing Hymn:** *“Softly and Tenderly”*

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### **\*Benediction**